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Advisory Announcement

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ANITA BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) is forecasting total runs of 474,000 summer chum, 11,500 Chinook, and 11,100 coho salmon to the Anita Bay release site in 2021. It is anticipated that 162,300 summer chum, 7,100 Chinook, and 2,800 coho salmon will be available for harvest in the Anita Bay terminal harvest area (THA).

Anita Bay THA is scheduled to close to common property commercial salmon fishing from 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 12, through 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 10 to facilitate cost recovery efforts. If revenue goals are achieved, common property fisheries may begin prior to August 9 and openings will be announced by a subsequent advisory announcement.

The Anita Bay THA will be open continuously to harvest salmon with troll gear from 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 12, and from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 10, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will be open to harvest salmon with drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 12, then on a rotational basis from 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 13, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 12, and from 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 10, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 31 (according to the rotation schedule on page 2), and concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, September 1, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will close for the season at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Anita Bay THA consists of those waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point at 56°13.68′ N lat, 132°22.48′ W long to a point on the northern shore at 56°14.26′ N lat, 132°23.93′ W long.

Waters closed to commercial salmon fishing within the THA include:

- (1) from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 15, the waters of the Anita Bay THA north and east of a line from 56°12.90′ N lat, 132°24.51′ W long to 56°12.75′ N lat, 132°23.50′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon with commercial seine and drift gillnet gear;
- (2) from Tuesday, June 15, through Friday, June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.19′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (3) from Saturday, June 26, through Thursday, July 1, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (4) and from Friday, July 2, through Saturday, July 10, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°28.00′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon.

From 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 10, waters within 0.25 nautical mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.33′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long to 56°12.06′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long and east of a line from 56°11.96′ N lat, 132°29.57′ W long to 56°11.73′ N lat, 132°29.36′ W long will be open.

Beginning Sunday, June 13, the following rotation schedules will be in effect through August 31, unless changed by a subsequent announcement.

Drift Gillnet

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 15, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 16

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 20

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 24

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 28

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Friday, July 2

From 12:00 noon, Monday, July 5, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 6

From 12:00 noon, Friday, July 9, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 10

Closed July 13 through August 9

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 10, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 11

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 14, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 15

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 18, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 19

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 22, to 12:00 noon, Monday, August 23

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 26, to 12:00 noon, Friday, August 27

From 12:00 noon, Monday, August 30, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 31

Purse Seine

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 13, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 14

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 18

From 12:00 noon, Monday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 22

From 12:00 noon, Friday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 26

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 30

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 4

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 7, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 8

From 12:00 noon Sunday, July 11, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 12

Closed July 13 through August 11

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 12, to 12:00 noon, Friday, August 13

From 12:00 noon, Monday, August 16, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 17

From 12:00 noon, Friday, August 20, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 21

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 24, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 25

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 28, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 29

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Purse Seine</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA may be retained and sold from 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 12.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0621.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

Advisory announcement website: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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